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CLAIM

A membrane probing assembly comprising: 1. a probe card with conductors supported (a) thereon, wherein said conductors include 5 at least a signal conductor located between a pair of spaced apart guard conductors; a membrane assembly including a membrane (b) with contacts thereon, and supporting at 10 least a signal conductor located between a pair of spaced apart guard conductors; said guard conductors of said probe card (C) are electrically interconnected proximate the interconnection between said probe 15 card and said membrane assembly; and said guard conductors of said membrane (d) assembly are electrically interconnected proximate the interconnection between said

probe card and said membrane assembly.

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